

A TRUE
RELATION
OF
VIRGINIA

Mary - Land;

With the Commodities therein, which in
part the Author saw; the rest he had from know-
ing and Credible persons in the Moneths of *February,*
March, April and May:

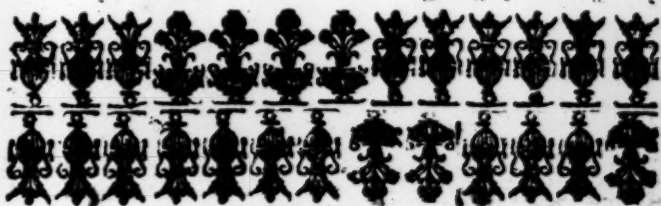
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VIRGINIA and MARY-LAND;
With the Commodities therein, &c.

In *Mprimis*, the *Capes* are in the Latitude of 37 Longitude of 302. from whence a Large Bay called *Chesebeack Bay* flowes about seaven Leagues broad N. by E. betwixt three and four degrees in length; then it branches it self into many small Rivers : the depth of the Bay is seaven, ten, twelve, or fourteen Fatham; it hath several small Islands in it. Out of which Bay on the East side, these are the principal Rivers, *Anamesax*, *Ockahanock*, *Nantecocke*, little *Choptanke*, great *Choptanke*,

St. Michaels , Wy River , Chester , Sacifrax River.

On the *West* side these are the principle Rivers, *Elizabeth, Nanscum, James, Back, Torke, Rapahanock, Petomock, Patuxon, Soueth, Severn, Gunpowder River, Patapsco*; from which River the Bay draws straiter, and devides it self into many lesser Rivers.

Out of which Bay and Rivers, there are branched many Navigable Rivers and Creeks, the which no Ten men in the Land are able to nominate.

The Shore on the *East* from the Bay to the Ocean, is but about twenty miles broad.

The Rivers on the *West* of the Bay are Navigable, some 40. some 50. some 100. some 200. some 300. miles; which Bay, Rivers and Creeks are plentiful of Fowle from *September* till *March*, of all sorts, as *Swans, Geese, Brants, Ducks, Widgeon, Teale*, with many other sorts too tedious to relate, some of which tarry with them all *Summer*: And Fish multitudes, as *Porposses, Grampases, Herring-Hoggs, Drums, Sheepsheds, Bafs, Mulletts, Pearch, Sturgeon, Eales, Salmon, Trouts, Thornbacks, Garrs, Cats, Oysters, Crabs, Turtles*, with many more too tedious to relate.

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The Cattle naturally of the Country, are Bucks, Does, Staggs, Hindes, Hares, Rabbons, Possums, Beavers, Otters, Lyons, Bears, Wolves, Panthers, Leopards, Foxes, Wilde Cats, with many more.

Fowle naturally to the Land are Eagles, Hawks, Vultures, Cranes, Crows, Turkeys, Partridges, Pidgions, Larks, Red-birds, the Balteñore bird, being black and yellow; blew Birds, mocking Birds, Woodpickers, and many sorts more.

English Cattle; plenty of Cows, Bulls, Oxen, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Horses, and all manner of English Poultry.

The Country is naturally full of *Vines*, *Fruit Trees*, and *Timber*, As,

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| F. Mulberries. | } | } | T. Ash. |
| F. Plumbs. | } | } | Holly. |
| F. Pefimmons. | } | } | Elder. |
| F. Cherries | } | } | T Locust. |
| M. Beach. | } | } | N Hasle. |

T. Chesnut.

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T. Chesnut.	}	White.
T. Poplar.		Red.
T. Pine.	}	Black.
Sasifrax.		Chesnut.
T. Ceder,	}	Spanish.
T. Cypress.		Gum Trees
Sycamore.	}	being one,
T. Wallnut.		runs Bal-
Pekickery.	}	some, with
Sasiperella.		many others

These Trees marked F. are fruites, M. are
 Maſs or feeding for Swine, T. timber or plank,
 A. Acorns, N. Nutts, with Grape-Vines
 climbing up the trees very fruitfull; and Hops
 alſo in the Woods; multitudes of Raſberies,
 Strawberryes, Barberies, Cranberies, with infi-
 nite of all ſorts of Hearbs; the beſt Garden in
 England affords not better.

In Orchards all ſorts of Apple-Trees, Pear
 Trees, Quince, Peach, Apricocks, Cherries,
 Figg-Trees, and Vines; Gardens as good as
 England affords for flowers, hearbs and roots
 of all ſorts; with Colworts, Muſmillions, Cuc-
 cumbers, Watermillions, May-cocks, Hornes,
 Peſhaues, Roſe-Trees, ſweet-Bryers, and many
 things more.

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There is a Root common in the Woods called *Tuckabo*, the Natives eat it for bread; our Swine eat it; with Acorns and Nuts of all sorts, they are Fat; and is the sweetest Bacon that ever man tasted.

The planters feed not their Swine nor Cattle, but kill them fat out of the Woods.

There is Fullers Earth, Marble, Salt-peter, Iron, Stone, Lead, Tin and Silver Oar.

There is plenty of English graine, as Wheat, Barley, Beanes, Peas and Oats.

The ground is very fruitful, and produceth plentiful Crops with great speed, what ever is planted or Sown; as for example, one careful laborious man will plant, tend, and get in 50. barrels of Indian Wheat, without the help of Man, Horse or Oxe; each barrel is five English bushels. And if the stone or seed of any fruit be sown, it will bear the third year without grafting; each Planter makes great Crops of Tobacco; the *Western* limits of the Land are unknown In *Mary-Land*; their Religion is free to all that profess to believe in Jesus Christ.

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